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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN VIETNAM
SUPPORTING AID TO GVN

FOLLOWING IS COPY OF MESSAGE SENT BY AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE IN VIETNAM TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF USA AND TO ASIAN
PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 21, 1975.

TEXT OF MESSAGE WAS RELEASED TO AMERICAN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES
SAIGON JANUARY 23. UPI GAVE MESSAGE BRIEF MENTION. WE KNOW OF NO
OTHER USAGE BY AMERICAN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

BEGIN TEXT:

"THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN VIETNAM HAS LEARNED
WITH CONSTERNATION THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN IS PLANNING TO KEYNOTE A
3-DAY ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HAS
STATED THAT VARIOUS FRIENDS OF THE HANOI GOVERNMENT WILL USE THAT
ASSEMBLY TO ADVOCATE CESSATION OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIET-NAM
A POSITION ALSO ADVOCATED BY SENATORS MCGOVERN, CHURCH, AND
MANSFIELD.

" THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF THE UPCOMING ASSEMBLY IS TO RALLY
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SUPPORT FOR THE 1973 AGREEMENT TO END THE WAR IN INDOCHINA.

AS AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN RESIDENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM WE AGREE
THAT THE 1973 AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AND FULLY IMPLEMENTED.
BUT THE IMPLEMENTATION MUST BE EVEN-HANDED, AND TO ADVOCATE
WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. ASSISTANCE IS TO ABANDON THE AGREEMENT.

"THE STATED POLICY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORT OF THE
1973 AGREEMENT. SINCE THE COMMUNIST BLOC NATIONS HAVE GRANTED
APPROXIMATELY U.S. 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO
NORTH VIETNAM AND THE PRG PLUS AN EQUALLY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF
MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN 1974 ALONE, AND SINCE THAT AID HAS CONTINUED
WHILE U.S. ASSISTANCE DECREASED FROM 652 MILLION DOLLARS IN
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO APPROXIMATELY 550 MILLION DOLLARS
AUTHORIZED BUT NOT APPROPRIATED AND MILITARY AID HAS DECREASED
FROM 1.2 BILLION TO 700 MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE PERIOD OF FISCAL
YEAR 1974-1975, WE URGE THAT AMERICAN ASSISTANCE BE MAINTAINED
OR INCREASED TO SUSTAIN BALANCE IN VIETNAM, AND TO ALLOW, AS
IS UNIVERSALLY ADVOCATED, ALL VIETNAMESE TO DETERMINE THEIR FATE
INSTEAD OF ALLOWING THE LEADERSHIP OF NORTH VIETNAM, BY DEFAULT,
TO IMPOSE A UNILATERAL DETERMINATION OF THE SITUATION.
THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN VIETNAM." END TEXT
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